

# QUARTERLY UPDATE

FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 1994 THROUGH  
DECEMBER 31, 1994

## HISTORICAL RELEASE REPORT (HRR)

PREPARED BY

ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION  
FACILITIES OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

EG&G ROCKY FLATS, INC.

JANUARY 1995

# HRR QUARTERLY UPDATE AGENCY ACCEPTANCE FORM

HRR QUARTERLY UPDATE 10

The recommendations of the Department of Energy (DOE) with regard to the need for future actions, or the lack of the need for future actions, are included in each PAC narrative description included in this quarterly update. Any PACs for which a decision is deferred will be addressed in future HRR quarterly updates.

Please note any exceptions to the recommended actions below or attach comments to this form as needed.

---



---



---



---

Please provide comments or acceptance within two weeks from receipt of quarterly update submittal.

DOE Signature	CDH Signature	EPA Signature
	<input type="checkbox"/> CDH agrees with recommendations	<input type="checkbox"/> EPA agrees with recommendations
	<input type="checkbox"/> CDH disagrees with recommendations, see comments	<input type="checkbox"/> EPA disagrees with recommendations; see comments
DOE Concurrence	CDH Signature and Position	EPA Signature and Position

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

DESCRIPTION	PAGE
HRR QUARTERLY UPDATE AGENCY ACCEPTANCE FORM . . . . .	2
1.0 INTRODUCTION . . . . .	4
2.0 NEW PAC NARRATIVES . . . . .	14
PAC REFERENCE NUMBER: 300-714 . . . . .	15
(Laundry Waste Water Spill From Tank T-803, North of Building 374)	
PAC REFERENCE NUMBER: 900-1315 . . . . .	19
(Tanker Truck Release on East Patrol Road, North of Spruce Ave.)	
PAC REFERENCE NUMBER: 900-1316 . . . . .	21
(Elevated Chromium (total) Identified During Geotechnical Drilling)	
PAC REFERENCE NUMBER: NE-1412 & NE-1413 . . . . .	31
(Trenches T-12 and T-13 Located in Operable Unit 2, East Trenches)	
3.0 REVISED PAC NARRATIVES . . . . .	33
4.0 REVISED IHSS AND PAC MAPS . . . . .	34

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Tenth Quarterly Update to the Historical Release Report (HRR) provides a variety of information pertaining to spills, releases, or findings of contaminants at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (RFETS). Section I.B 3 of the Interagency Agreement (IAG) dated January 1991 states that the Department of Energy (DOE) shall amend the Historical Release Report every three months to include newly identified or suspected releases for which DOE has notified the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPH&E). Spills, releases or findings which require reporting in this report are identified as Potential Areas of Concern (PACs). PAC writeups include Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Field Office (DOE,RFFO) recommendations for further action required or no further action required based upon all available process knowledge, analytical data, or formally conducted personal interviews. The Agency Acceptance Form on the second page of this report has been included in the past four quarterly reports to reach concurrence or non-concurrence on DOE RFFO recommendations from the regulatory agencies for action or no action acceptance.

Information for this quarterly report is structured as follows.

- HRR Quarterly Update Agency Acceptance Form;
- Listing of PACs identified since the June 1992 HRR per Section I B 3 of the Interagency Agreement (IAG) - Quarterly Notification (see Table 1);
- Listing of all PACs identified in the June 1992 HRR (see Table 2);
- Releases to the environment identified during October 1, 1994, through December 31, 1994,
- Revisions to PAC narratives;
- An up to-date Individual Hazardous Substance Site (IHSS) map; and
- An up-to-date Potential Area of Concern (PAC) map

Table 1 provides a list of all PACs identified since the June 1992 HRR. It also provides a cross-reference for the Operable Unit (OU) in which the incident occurred, IHSS numbers for spills occurring within an IHSS, a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Contingency Plan Implementation Report (CPIR) cross-reference number and the number of the quarterly update in which the PAC was originally identified

Table 2 provides a listing of all PACs referenced in the June 1992 version of the Historical Release Report (HRR)

Revisions to PAC narratives are reserved for Section 3.0 of this document. Section 3.0 is used to modify past narratives based on additional information which becomes available after the reporting process has begun. Typically, additional information consists of validated analytical data from sampling or additional sample results from a later collection event.

Up-to-date copies of IHSS and PAC maps are included in Section 4.0. The IHSS map reflects the most current boundary location of IHSSs based on work to date at the various Operable Units. The PAC map includes all PACs identified to date, as well as Under Building Contamination (UBC) sites. Up-to-date maps will continue to be issued with each quarterly report. These maps are made available to plant organizations requiring the most accurate and current information.

**TABLE 1**  
**NEW PACS IDENTIFIED IN QUARTERLY UPDATES**

IHSS <sup>1</sup>	OU <sup>1</sup>	CPIR Cross- Reference <sup>2</sup>	PAC	PAC NAME <sup>3</sup>	Original Quarterly Update #
142 6	6	NA	NE-1404	Diesel Spill at Pond B-2 Spillway	2
NA	2	NA	NE-1405	Diesel Fuel Spill at Field Treatability Unit ( <i>formerly NE- 1404</i> )	3
NA	4	NA	NE-1406	771 Hillside Sludge Release	4
NA	2	93-002	NE-1407	OU 2 Treatment Facility	4
NA	2	93-005	NE-1408	OU 2 Test Well ( <i>formerly NE- 1406</i> )	4
NA	4	93-007	NE-1409	Modular Tanks and 910 Treatment System Spill ( <i>formerly 000-503</i> )	5
NA	2	NA	NE-1410	Diesel Fuel Spill at Field Treatability Unit	7
NA	2	NA	NE-1411	Diesel Fuel Overflowed from Tanker at OU 2 Field Treatability Unit	7
NA	2	NA	NE-1412	Trench T-12 Located in OU-2 East Trenches	10
NA	2	NA	NE-1413	Trench T-13 Located in OU-2 East Trenches	10
NA	10	NA	NW-1500	Diesel Spill at PU&D Yard ( <i>formerly NW-175</i> )	2
NA	10	NA	NW-1501	Asbestos Release at PU&D Yard ( <i>formerly NW-176</i> )	2
114	7	92-021	NW-1502	Improper Disposal of Diesel Contaminated Material at Landfill ( <i>formerly NW-177</i> )	2

**TABLE 1 (Continued)**  
**NEW PACS IDENTIFIED IN QUARTERLY UPDATES**

IHSS <sup>1</sup>	OU <sup>1</sup>	CPIR Cross- Reference <sup>2</sup>	PAC	PAC NAME <sup>3</sup>	Original Quarterly Update #
114	7	92-004	NW-1503	Improper Disposal of Fuel Contaminated Material at Landfill	1
114	7	94-002	NW-1504	Improper Disposal of Thorosilane Contaminated Material at Landfill	7
NA	5	NA	SW-1701	Recently Identified Ash Pit	9
NA	5	NA	SW-1702	Recently Identified Ash Pit	9
NA	NA	94-005	000-503	Solar Pond Water Spill Along Central Avenue	7
NA	NA	93-003	100-613	Asphalt Surface in Lay Down Yard North of Building 130 <i>(formerly identified as 000-501)</i>	4
NA	NA	93-003	300-711	Ni-Cad Battery Spill Outside of Building 373	1
NA	NA	92-002	300-712	1/2 gal Antifreeze Spilled by Street Sweeper Outside of Building 373	1
NA	NA	94-006	300-713	Caustic Spill North of Building 331	8
NA	NA	94-012	300-714	Laundry Waste Water Spill From Tank T-803, North of Building 374	10
NA	NA	NA	400-811	Transformer 443-2, Bldg 443	2

**TABLE 1 (Continued)**  
**NEW PACS IDENTIFIED IN QUARTERLY UPDATES**

IHSS <sup>1</sup>	OU <sup>1</sup>	CPIR Cross- Reference <sup>2</sup>	PAC	PAC NAME <sup>3</sup>	Original Quarterly Update #
NA	NA	93-009	400-812	Tank T-2 Spill in Building 460	6
NA	NA	94-001	400-813	RCRA Tank Leak in Building 460	7
NA	NA	94-007	400-814	Air Conditioner Compressor Release, Building 444 Roof	8
NA	NA	94-008	400-815	RCRA Tank Leak in Building 460	8
NA	NA	93-004	500-906	Asphalt Surface Near Building 559	4
172	13	94-009	500-907	Tanker Truck Release of Hazardous Waste From Tank 231B	9
52, 157.1, 172	12	NA	600-1004	Central Avenue Ditch Cleaning Incident (formerly identified as 400-820)	6
NA	NA	NA	600-1005	Former Pesticide Storage Area	7
NA	NA	92-005	800-1212	Building 866 Sump Spill	5
NA	NA	NA	900-1308	Gasoline Spill Outside of Building 980	6
NA	2	93-010	900-1309	OU 2 Field Treatability Unit Spill	6
NA	NA	92-023	900-1310	ITS Water Spill (formerly identified as 000-502)	2



**TABLE 1 (Continued)**  
**NEW PACS IDENTIFIED IN QUARTERLY UPDATES**

IHSS <sup>1</sup>	OU <sup>1</sup>	CPIR Cross- Reference <sup>2</sup>	PAC	PAC NAME <sup>3</sup>	Original Quarterly Update #
NA	NA	NA	900-1311	Septic Tank East of Building 991	7
NA	2	94-004	900-1312	OU-2 Water Spill	7
192	16	NA	900-1313	Seep Area Near OU-2 Influent	9
101	4	94-010	900-1314	Solar Evaporation Pond 207B Sludge Release	9
NA	NA	94-013	900-1315	Tanker Truck Release on East Patrol Road, North of Spruce Ave.	10
NA	NA	NA	900-1316	Elevated Chromium (total) Identified During Geotechnical Drilling	10

<sup>1</sup>NA = Not applicable. Not all PACs are located in Individual Hazardous Substance Sites (IHSSs) or Operable Units (OUs). Likewise, not all PACs are identified in RCRA Contingency Plan Implementation Reports (CPIRs).

<sup>2</sup>RCRA Contingency Plan Implementation Reports (CPIRs) identified during the Eighth Quarter included CPIRs 94-006 through 94-008. Each incident involved a release to the environment and is therefore identified as a PAC.

<sup>3</sup>Several PAC numbers have been revised to reflect a more accurate location on the PAC map. Former PAC numbers are identified in parentheses within italics.

**TABLE 2**  
**ORIGINAL POTENTIAL AREAS OF CONCERN**  
**SUBMITTED IN HISTORICAL RELEASE REPORT - JUNE 1992**

IHSS NO.	OU NO	PAC NO.	PAC NAME	PAGE
<b>NORTHEAST BUFFER ZONE</b>				
NA <sup>2</sup>	NA	NE-1400	Tear Gas Powder Release	NE-36
NA	NA	NE-1401	NE Buffer Zone Gas Line Break	NE-37
NA	NA	NE-1402	East Inner Gate PCB Spill	NE-38
NA	NA	NE-1403	Gasoline Spill - Building 920 Guard Post	NE-39
<b>NORTHWEST BUFFER ZONE</b>				
NA	NA	SE-1600	Pond 7 - Steam Condensate Releases	SE-10
NA	NA	SE-1601	Pond 8 - Cooling Tower Discharge Releases	SE-13
<b>SOUTHWEST BUFFER ZONE</b>				
NA	NA	SW-1700	Fuel Spill into Woman Creek Drainage	SW-15
<b>000 AREA</b>				
NA	NA	000-500	Sanitary Sewer System	000-49
NA	NA	000-501	Roadway Spraying	000-60
<b>100 AREA</b>				
NA	NA	100-600	Mercury Spill - Valve Vault 124-B, Building 124	100-8
NA	NA	100-601	Building 123 Phosphoric Acid Spill	100-10
NA	NA	100-602	Building 123 Process Waste Line Break	100-11
NA	NA	100-603	Building 123 Bioassay Waste Spill	100-13
NA	NA	100-604	T130 Complex Sewer Line Leaks	100-15
NA	NA	100-605	Building 115 Hydraulic Oil Spill	100-16
NA	NA	100-606	Building 125 TCE Spill	100-17
NA	NA	100-607	Building 111 Transformer PCB Leak	100-18
NA	NA	100-608	Building 131 Transformer Leak	100-20
NA	NA	100-609	Building 121 Security Incinerator	100-21
NA	NA	100-610	Asbestos Release - Building 123	100-22
NA	NA	100-611	Building 123 Scrubber Solution Spill	100-23
NA	NA	100-612	Battery Solution Spill - Building 119	100-25
<b>300 AREA</b>				
NA	NA	300-700	Scrap Roofing Disposal	300-25

TABLE 2 (continued)

IHSS NO	OU NO	PAC NO	PAC NAME	PAGE
NA	NA	300-701	Sulfuric Acid Spill - Building 371	300-26
NA	NA	300-702	Pesticide Shed	300-27
NA	NA	300-703	Building 331 North Area	300-28
NA	NA	300-704	Roof Fire, Building 381	300-29
NA	NA	300-705	Potassium Hydroxide Spill North of Building 374	300-30
NA	NA	300-706	Evaporator Tanks North of Building 374	300-31
NA	NA	300-707	Sanitizer Spill	300-33
NA	NA	300-708	Transformers North of Building 371	300-34
NA	NA	300-709	Transformer Leak 334-1	300-35
NA	NA	300-710	Gasoline Spill North of Building 331	300-36
400 AREA				
NA	NA	400-800	Transformer 443-1	400-40
NA	NA	400-801	Transformer, Roof of Building 447	400-41
NA	NA	400-802	Storage Area, South of Building 334	400-42
NA	NA	400-803	Miscellaneous Dumping, Building 460 Storm Drain	400-44
NA	NA	400-804	Road North of Building 460	400-45
NA	NA	400-805	Building 443 Tank #9 Leak	400-46
NA	NA	400-806	Catalyst Spill, Building 440	400-47
NA	NA	400-807	Sandblasting Area	400-48
NA	NA	400-808	Vacuum Pump Leak - Building 442	400-49
NA	NA	400-809	Oil Leak - 446 Guard Post	400-51
NA	NA	400-810	Beryllium Fire - Building 444	400-52
500 AREA				
NA	NA	500-900	Transformer Leak - 515/516	500-15
NA	NA	500-901	Transformer Leak - 555	500-17
NA	NA	500-902	Transformer Leak - 559	500-18
NA	NA	500-903	RCRA Storage Unit #1	500-19
NA	NA	500-904	Transformer Leak - 223-1/223-2	500-20
NA	NA	500-905	Transformer Leak - 558-1	500-22

TABLE 2 (continued)

IHSS NO	OU NO.	PAC NO	PAC NAME	PAGE
600 AREA				
NA	NA	600-1000	Transformer Storage Building 662	600-18
NA	NA	600-1001	Temporary Waste Storage Building 663	600-20
NA	NA	600-1002	Transformer Storage - West of Building 666	600-24
NA	NA	600-1003	Transformers North and South of 661-675 Substation	600-25
700 AREA				
NA	NA	700-1100	French Drain North of Building 776/777	700-76
NA	NA	700-1101	Laundry Tank Overflow - Building 732	700-77
NA	NA	700-1102	Transformer Leak - 776-4	700-78
NA	NA	700-1103	Leaking Transformers - Building 707	700-80
NA	NA	700-1104	Leaking Transformers - Building 708	700-82
NA	NA	700-1105	Transformer Leak - 779-1/779-2	700-83
NA	NA	700-1106	Process Waste Spill - Portal 1	700-84
NA	NA	700-1107	Compressor Waste Oil Spill - Building 776	700-86
NA	NA	700-1108	771/774 Footing Drain Pond	700-87
NA	NA	700-1109	Uranium Incident - Building 778	700-90
NA	NA	700-1110	Nickel Carbonyl Burial West of Building 771	700-91
NA	NA	700-1111	Leaking Transformer - Building 750	700-92
NA	NA	700-1112	Leaking Transformer - 776-5	700-93
800 AREA				
NA	NA	800-1200	Valve Vault 2	800-28
NA	NA	800-1201	Radioactive Site South of Building 883	800-30
NA	NA	800-1202	Sulfuric Acid Spill, Building 883	800-31
NA	NA	800-1203	Sanitary Sewer Line Break Between Buildings 865 and 886	800-32
NA	NA	800-1204	Building 866 Spills	800-33
NA	NA	800-1205	Building 881, East Dock	800-35
NA	NA	800-1206	Fire, Building 883	800-36
NA	NA	800-1207	Transformer 883-4	800-37

**TABLE 2 (continued)**

IHSS NO	OU NO	PAC NO	PAC NAME	PAGE
NA	NA	800-1208	Transformer 881-4	800-38
NA	NA	800-1209	Leaking Transformers, 800 Area	800-39
NA	NA	800-1210	Transformer 865-1 and 865-2	800-40
NA	NA	800-1211	Capacitor Leak, Building 883	800-41
900 AREA				
NA	NA	900-1300	RO Plant Sludge Drying Beds	900-47
NA	NA	900-1301	Building 991 Enclosed Area	900-48
NA	NA	900-1302	Gasoline Spill	900-50
NA	NA	900-1303	Natural Gas Leak	900-51
NA	NA	900-1304	Chromic Acid Spill - Building 991	900-52
NA	NA	900-1305	Building 991 Roof	900-53
NA	NA	900-1306	Transformers 991-1 and 991-2	900-54
NA	NA	900-1307	Explosive Bonding Pit	900-55

**SECTION 2.0**

**NEW PAC NARRATIVES**

**(PACS IDENTIFIED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 30, 1994, AND DECEMBER 31, 1994)**

**PAC REFERENCE NUMBER: 300-714**

**IHSS Number: NA**

**Unit Name: Laundry Waste Water Spill From Tank T-803, North of Building 374**

**CPIR No.: 94-012**

**Approx. Location: N750,500; E2,082,500**

**Date(s) of Operation or Occurrence**

**November 17, 1994**

**Description of Operation or Occurrence**

On November 17, 1994 while performing restart operations of the 374 evaporator system a release of a hazardous waste was reported from Tank T-803 when the level indicating controller failed allowing liquids to accumulate until the pressure disk ruptured (as designed). The evaporator system had been shut down to perform maintenance on another tank connected in-series (acid tank D-845). The release occurred from the second effect vapor body (Tank-T-803) of the quadruple effect steam heated evaporator system located north of Building 374. Approximately 50 gallons of evaporator process aqueous waste (i.e. laundry waste water) was released to the secondary containment berm and approximately 5 gallons was sprayed to the dirt road immediately north of the bermed area. The wetted area on the road was estimated to be approximately ten feet by twelve feet, however, the majority of the liquid was observed within a four square foot area.

**Physical/Chemical Description of Constituents Released**

The material released was a mixture of the current evaporator process aqueous waste feed and previous waste feeds which have been determined to be an F-listed hazardous waste. The EPA waste codes assigned to the waste treated in the evaporator system include: D004, D005, D006, D007, D008, D009, D010, D011, F001, F002, F003, F005, F006, F007, F009, and F039. This characterization is based on the constituents that can be present in the waste streams to the evaporator system as well as characterization of the remaining brine solutions when the process is complete.

Validated analytical results from soil sampling conducted on November 18, 1994 are presented in Tables 1 and 2 of the following page

**TABLE 1  
SAMPLE RESULTS - METALS BY ICPEs**

<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Total Metals In Released Liquid</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>TCLP Leachate from Soil Remaining</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>TCLP Leachate from Soil Adjacent</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Toxicity Characteristic Regulatory Level</b>
Arsenic	0.081	U	0.081	U	0.081	U	5.0
Barium	0.023	B	0.450	U	0.426	U	100.0
Cadmium	0.030		0.006		0.006		1.0
Chromium	0.031		0.005	U	0.005	U	5.0
Lead	0.038	U	0.039	B	0.045	B	5.0
Selenium	0.040	U	0.040	U	0.040	U	1.0
Silver	0.011		0.003	U	0.003	U	5.0

Results are in mg/L.

U = The analyze concentration (before dilution factors were applied) was below the Instrument Detection Limit (IDL). The number in the table preceding "U" is the IDL for this sample aliquot.

B = The absolute value of the analyzed result (before dilution factors were applied) is above the IDL but is less than the Contract Required Detection Limit (CRDL).



**TABLE 2**  
**SAMPLE RESULTS - TAL VOLATILE ORGANICS BY GC/MS**

Analyte	Released Liquid		Soil Remaining		Soil Adjacent		Toxicity Characteristic Regulatory Level
Chloromethane	0.010	U	0.010	U	0.010	U	N/A
Bromomethane	0.010	U	0.010	U	0.010	U	N/A
Vinyl Chloride	0.010	U	0.010	U	0.010	U	0.2
Chloroethane	0.010	U	0.010	U	0.010	U	N/A
Methylene Chloride	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	N/A
Acetone	0.110	B	0.010	U	0.010	U	N/A
Carbon Disulfide	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	N/A
1,1-Dichloroethylene	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.7
1,1-Dichloroethane	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	N/A
1,2-Dichloroethane (total)	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	N/A
Chloroform	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	6.0
1,2-Dichloroethane	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.5
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	0.048	U	0.010	U	0.010	U	200.0
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	N/A
Carbon Tetrachloride	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.5
Bromodichloromethane	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	N/A
1,2-Dichloropropane	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	N/A
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	N/A
Trichloroethylene	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.5
Dibromochloromethane	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	N/A
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	N/A
Benzene	0.003	J	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.5
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	N/A
Bromoform	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	N/A
Methyl Isobutyl Ketone	0.010	U	0.010	U	0.005	U	N/A
2-Hexanone	0.010	U	0.010	U	0.010	U	N/A
Tetrachloroethylene	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.7
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	N/A
Toluene	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.002	J	N/A
Chlorobenzene	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	100.0
Ethylbenzene	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	N/A
Styrene	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	N/A
Xylene (Total)	0.005	U	0.005	U	0.005	U	N/A

Results are in mg/L.

U = Compound not found. The number in the table preceding the "U" is the Practical Quantitation Limit (PQL) for this sample aliquot.

B = Compound found, but is also present in the daily method blank.

J = Compound found, but quantity is below PQL. Quantitation is estimated.

### Response to Operation or Occurrence

The evaporator system was immediately shut down and actions were taken on November 17, 1994 to remove the liquid and contaminated soil. Approximately 80 to 90 pounds of soil was removed and managed as low level mixed hazardous waste in RCRA Unit No. 374-380 in Building 374. On November 18, 1994, two sets of composite soil samples were collected in accordance with the RCRA Permit, Section VI(D)(4)(b)-Sampling. One set of samples were collected from the soil remaining after the wetted soil area had been removed. Another set of samples were collected adjacent to the wetted area, along the west side, to determine if pre-existing contamination was present from past releases in this area. This area has been previously identified as a Potential Area of Concern (PAC 300-706) in the June 1992 Historical Release Report (HRR) for the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (RFETS). The evaporator system was repaired and placed back into service on November 19, 1994.

### Fate of Constituents Released to Environment

Due to the weather conditions at the time of the incident, the surface of the soil was frozen and the likelihood of vertical or lateral contaminant migration was minimal. A significant attempt was noted to remove the wetted soil using shovels and a rock bar to loosen the frozen soil. Analytical results from samples collected on November 18, 1994 (Table 1 and 2) show that both remaining soils from the cleanup area and adjacent area are below or equal to the analytical detection limits.

### Action/No-Action Recommendation

For the above mentioned reasons, no further investigation is warranted for this release.

### Comments

None.

**PAC REFERENCE NUMBER: 900-1315**

**IHSS Number: NA**

**Unit Name: Tanker Truck Release on East Patrol Road, North of Spruce Ave.**

**CPIR No.: 94-013**

**Approx. Location: N750,500; E2,082,500**

**Date(s) of Operation or Occurrence**

**December 13, 1994**

**Description of Operation or Occurrence**

At Approximately 11:40 a.m., December 13, 1994 during transport operations of Solar Evaporation Pond decant waste water, approximately 10 gallons of hazardous waste was released to the environment. A tanker truck was transporting the decant water from the 750 Storage Pad (RCRA Unit 25) where Solar Evaporation Pond sludges are separated through a settling process to Building 374 feed storage tanks (Tank 231 A and B) for subsequent treatment at Building 374. The truck driver immediately stopped when he noticed that liquid was splashing from the vent/blowdown valve which was inadvertently left open during the filling process. It was estimated that approximately 10 gallons of hazardous waste was released to the asphalt and soil. The released liquid contacted two sections of asphalt road surface and one section of soil (approximately 1 ft. by 100 ft in dimension). The release to asphalt was north of Spruce Avenue on the East Patrol Road. Soil was contaminated in an area just northeast of Building 964. Soil samples were collected on December 13, 1994.

**Physical/Chemical Description of Constituents Released**

The material released from the tanker was Solar Evaporation Pond decant water which originated from the 207-A and 207-B Ponds. The most common characteristic of the waste released to the solar ponds is high concentrations of nitrate. Historical records document that the ponds frequently received untreated process waste as well as treated process waste and contaminated scrap metals. EPA waste codes assigned to the sludge and decant water are determined from backlog recharacterization records and include F001, F002, F003, F005, F006, F007, F009 and F039.

### Response to Operation or Occurrence

Upon discovery of the release, Radiological Protection immediately responded and performed surveys in accordance with plant procedures concerning response to a release of mixed waste. The vent/blow down valve was closed to prevent further release of the decant water and decontamination procedures began immediately to remediate the spilled liquid both on the tanker and asphalt surfaces. A triple rinse was performed on the asphalt surfaces using a detergent solution followed by Wet-Vac vacuum procedures. The decant liquid spilled on the soil was excavated to a depth of 2 inches (until no evidence of wetted soil could be seen) and containerized in wooden crates. Approximately 4560 pounds of soil were removed and managed as RCRA regulated hazardous waste at RCRA Unit 25 (750 Pad). Two surficial soil samples were collected from the area on December 13, 1994. One composite sample was collected after the wetted soil was containerized to verify that adequate cleanup was performed and another was collected adjacent to the spill area to determine if any pre-existing contamination was present due to the close proximity of IHSS 900-165. In addition, samples of decant water were collected from the tanker. The preliminary sweep analysis for select metals and volatile organics indicate that levels of toxic constituents are well below Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) regulatory limits. Validated analytical results are unavailable at the time.

### Fate of Constituents Released to Environment

Due to the condition of the soil (i.e. hard packed) and the prompt removal of liquid and wetted soil, hazards to human health or the environment were mitigated. Analytical results from samples collected on December 13, 1994 are pending the validation process; however preliminary data strongly indicate that both releases to asphalt and soil were adequately cleaned up.

### Action/No-Action Recommendation

Based upon cleanup documentation, preliminary analytical data and radiological surveys of the area, this site should not require further action. **If the final analytical data does not confirm that the soil contaminated as a result of this incident was adequately removed, a soil response plan will be submitted to the Colorado Department of Public Health & the Environment (CDPH&E).**

### Comments

None

**PAC REFERENCE NUMBER: 900-1316**

**IHSS Number. NA**

**Unit Name: Elevated Chromium (total) Identified During Geotechnical Drilling**

**CPIR No.: NA**

**Approx Location: N750,000; E2,086,000**

**Date(s) of Operation or Occurrence**

**August 24, 1994**

**Description of Operation or Occurrence**

On August 24, 1994 while conducting geotechnical drilling prior to construction for a storage facility (Investigative Derived Material Storage Facility) at the Field Operations Yard located south and west of the 904 Pad, chromium (total) was detected in the drummed cuttings at levels above allowable RCRA limits (106 ppm and 120 ppm). Additional sampling was conducted on September 28, 1994 from 6 study pits excavated to a depth of 6 feet along the eastern perimeter of the proposed building foundation to provide additional information. Analytical data received October 5, 1994 show chromium levels below or at background. On October 19, 1994 one additional borehole was drilled approximately 18 feet northwest of the southwest corner of the proposed building. Analytical data received October 26, 1994 conclude that chromium (total) was detected at 138 ppm and 347 ppm from two depth integrated composite sample intervals taken between 6 and 8 feet and 10½ and 14 feet respectively. Volatile organics were not detected in any of the sampling events.

The initial construction phase which included excavation to a depth of 6 feet for the building foundation wall was put on hold pending a Risk Assessment Screen (RAS) using all available data. The risk assessment was completed on January 17, 1995. Analytical data is included in Tables 1, 2, and 3 of the RAS (supplementary attachment for this PAC write-up).

Interviews with plant employees familiar with past uses of the Field Operations Yard were conducted on January 18, and January 27, 1995.

**Physical/Chemical Description of Constituents Released**

Historically, the Field Operations Yard (formerly called the contractors yard) was used to store miscellaneous equipment, discard scrap metal, stockpile gravel for construction use, and deposit spoils from excavation projects. One employee stated that from approximately 1971 to 1980, chromium shavings from a chrome plating lab located in Building 444 and a plating/testing lab in Building 779 were frequently swept using an industrial sweeper truck. The sweepings were

emptied from the sweeper in the contractors yard. The employees recollection of this practice was collaborated with two other employees.

#### Response to Operation or Occurrence

Upon receipt of the original data set on August 24, 1994 further investigation was initiated to identify the potential source of the chromium anomaly. Six test pits were excavated on September 28, 1994, three additional boreholes have been drilled, plant employees have been interviewed to gather historical knowledge of past uses for the area, and samples have been collected to provide supporting background information. Analytical results from sampling events were used to develop a Risk Assessment Screen completed on January 17, 1995.

The scheduled construction phase which involves excavation to a depth of approximately 6 feet remains on hold at the time of this write-up.

#### Fate of Constituents Released to Environment

Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Process (TCLP) analysis for metals collected from the area of the highest chromium concentration (347 ppm at 10½ - 14 ft) show that soils from the chromium anomaly do not readily leach and the anomaly does not pose an unreasonable risk to groundwater (estimated to be at 26 feet), human health, or the environment (see attached Risk Assessment Screen)

#### Action/No-Action Recommendation

Based upon calculated risk results from the comprehensive Risk Assessment Screen (RAS) completed January 17, 1995 and TCLP analytical data showing the chromium does not readily leach, this finding does not warrant further action

#### Comments

None

## **RISK ASSESSMENT SCREEN (RAS) FOR INVESTIGATIVELY-DERIVED MATERIAL (IDM) STORAGE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SITE**

A risk assessment screen (RAS), including the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) conservative screen and a more comprehensive RAS, have been performed on data collected from soils located at the proposed construction site of the IDM Storage Building. A conservative approach was used to ensure that any actual health hazards would fall well within the bounds of the calculated risks (carcinogenic) and hazard quotients (noncarcinogenic). The screening methodology used for this RAS are appropriate for a screening level analysis only and are not those applied to baseline risk assessments in the environmental restoration program due to the fact that subsurface soils are not assessed for residential use. Exposure factors may also be more conservative.

### **DATA**

The data that is usable for quantitative risk assessment purposes are presented in Tables 1 and 2. These represent the results of the Inductively Coupled Plasma Emission Spectrometry (ICP) analysis for total metals. The first three samples are from geotechnical borings taken at corners of the proposed building. Screening level analysis had indicated that chromium-total (Cr-tot) was present at levels that might be above background in the subsurface soil. ICP analysis confirmed the presence of Cr-tot above the background UTL of 89.2 mg/kg (1993 Background Geochemistry Characterization Report, DOE, Sept 30, 1993) in two of the samples. No other analytes were above background UTLs.

As a result, a second boring was made, within the perimeter, near the SE corner of the proposed building. Samples were retrieved by depth. In general, the concentrations were low. The samples taken from 6-8 feet and 10.5-14 feet were above the Cr-tot background UTL, with a maximum of 347 mg/kg in the sample from 10.5-14 feet. All other samples were well below the UTL (Table 1). No other analytes were above the UTLs.

A series of six surface pits, six feet deep, were dug and sampled with depth. Results are shown in Table 2. No analytes, were above background UTLs. Cr-tot levels were all low.

### **CDPHE CONSERVATIVE SCREEN**

The only chemical identified as above the background UTL was chromium. This was the only chemical included in the screen. The CDPHE screen specifies that the ratio of the maximum detected concentration of a chemical in a medium to the risk-based concentration (PPRG) be calculated and then the ratios summed for all chemicals of concern in a media. In this case there is only one chemical, Cr-tot. Chromium was determined as total chromium in the

samples therefore we can not be sure whether the CR is present as CR-III, a noncarcinogenic form, or as CR-VI, a carcinogenic form. Other sampling events at RFETS have found only CR-III. However, to be conservative the screen will be performed using both forms of CR.

#### Cr-III

$$\frac{347 \text{ mg/kg}}{274000 \text{ mg/kg}} = 0.001$$

#### Cr-VI

$$\frac{347 \text{ mg/kg}}{939 \text{ mg/kg}} = 0.37$$

The trivalent form, CR-III, has a very low screen result of 0.001, the hexavalent form, Cr-VI, has a ratio to the risk-based PPRG of 0.37 still well below 1.0. Sources with a ratio of less than one are considered candidates for no further action by the CDPHE conservative screen methodology, pending evaluation of possible dermal effects. Chromium in combination with soil as present at the site is not considered a potential dermal hazard.

In summary, the CDPHE screen ratio falls between 0.001 and 0.37, depending on the Cr form present. Based on other RFETS data, it is likely that the Cr-III form predominates and it is likely that the ratio is closer to 0.001 than to 0.37. The site is a good candidate for no further action.

### RISK ASSESSMENT METHODS

A very conservative approach was used for this RAS. The exposure concentration chosen for Cr-tot is the maximum detected concentration (347 mg/kg). This represents a worst-case, maximum exposure. Actual exposures would be much less due to the large volume of soil known to have lower concentrations of Cr-tot. The analysis did not specify whether the chromium detected was Cr-VI or Cr-III.

Toxicologically there is a significant difference between the two. Cr-VI is a known human carcinogen, whereas, Cr-III is not thought to be carcinogenic. Other investigations at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (RFETS) done in support of Remedial Investigations (RI) have not found CR-VI to be present. It is unlikely that it is present at this building site.

The RAS was performed for both species of Cr. Thus, the RAS presents the full range of risk and health hazard that may be associated with the site under the chosen exposure scenarios, although those resulting from Cr-VI are unlikely.



Two exposure scenarios were chosen for the RAS. A hypothetical resident with child and a construction worker. The former represents a potential upper bound risk. The latter represents a realistic exposure, based on the proposed land use.

### Hypothetical Resident

Standard EPA default assumptions were used for the scenario. The intake or dose was calculated by the following equation:

$$\text{Intake} = \frac{\text{Cr concentration} * \text{intake rate} * \text{exposure frequency} * \text{exposure duration}}{\text{body weight} * \text{averaging time}}$$

Where

Cr concentration	=	347 mg/kg
intake rate-ingestion	=	100 mg/day-adult, 200 mg/day-child
intake rate-inhalation	=	20 m <sup>3</sup> /day
exposure frequency	=	350 days/year
exposure duration	=	30 years-adult, 6 years-child
body weight	=	70 kg-adult, 15 kg-child
averaging time	=	70 years-carcinogenic, equal to exposure duration-noncarcinogenic

Although the Cr-tot detections were between 6 and 14 feet below present ground level, it is assumed that this soil could be distributed on the surface during home construction. It is also assumed that the adult resident lives on the land in question for 30 years. The childhood period is set at six years. For calculating the hypothetical carcinogenic effects of exposure to CrVI due to inhalation of fugitive dust, an EPA default particle emissions factor (PEF) of  $8.63 \times 10^9$  was used in the numerator of the equation. For carcinogens, the averaging time is equal to a lifetime, estimated at 70 years. The averaging time for noncarcinogens is equal to the exposure duration in order to compare an estimate of actual daily intake to a reference dose (RfD) considered safe for a life time exposure.

### Construction Worker

The equation for calculating intakes for this scenario is equivalent to that for the hypothetical resident, including the PEF. The values of some of the parameters are different. Only those that differ are given below:

intake rate-ingestion	=	480 mg/day
intake rate-inhalation	=	10 <sup>mm</sup> /day
exposure frequency	=	30 days/year
exposure duration	=	1 year
body weight	=	70 kg
averaging time	=	70 years-carcinogenic, equal to exposure duration- noncarcinogenic

This is a realistic scenario. It assumes the worker to be exposed to the soil for a period of 30 days during the construction process.

### Risk and Hazard Quantification

To calculate carcinogenic risk, the intake is then multiplied by a chemical specific slope factor (SF). Carcinogenic risk is calculated as the incremental probability of an individual developing cancer over a lifetime, due to a given exposure scenario. This is also referred to as the excess lifetime cancer risk and represents the increased risk of developing cancer above the background rate (about 25 to 30%).

The potential for noncarcinogenic health effects is not expressed as a probability, but as a ratio or quotient. The hazard quotient (HQ) is the ratio of the daily intake over a specified period (exposure duration) to the chemical specific RfD. If the HQ exceeds 1.0, there is concern that the exposed population may experience adverse health effects due to the specified exposure scenario.

### Results and Discussion

The carcinogenic risk for a hypothetical resident from inhalation of dust, assuming that all of the Cr-tot detected is Cr-VI, and that the individual is exposed to the maximum detected concentration (347 mg/kg soil) for 350 days a year for 30 years, is  $4 \times 10^{-7}$  (Table 3). This is below the reasonable level of concern, usually stated as  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ . As stated previously, there is no known carcinogenic hazard due to exposure to Cr-III.

The hypothetical residential exposure levels should not be expected to produce negative health effects in either adults or children, whether the Cr-tot is assumed to be present as Cr-VI, which is improbable and not supported by other data collected at RFETS, or as Cr-III. All HQ are below 1.0.

Risks and HQ for the construction worker scenario are even lower due to the shorter exposure period. Individuals working on building construction should experience no adverse health effects, even if the Cr-tot detected is Cr-VI and they are exposed to the maximum detected concentration (347 mg/kg soil) for 30 days during the construction process.

## Summary

Based on the results of the RAS, there is no reason to believe that even maximally exposed individuals would suffer negative health effects due to exposure to subsurface soil at the proposed IDM Storage Building site. This is supported by the very low risk-based ratios calculated in the CDPHE conservative screen. Proposed excavations at the site for foundation work are planned not to exceed a depth of five to six feet. All elevated Cr-tot detections were below this depth (Tables 1 and 2). Therefore, it may be expected that workers will be exposed to much lower levels of Cr-tot than used for the calculations in the RAS.

Table 1 : Subsurface Samples

Analyte	Sample NE Corner	Sample SW Corner	Sample SE Corner	Borehole 6 ft	Borehole 10 10 5 ft	Borehole 10 5-14 ft	Borehole 14-15 ft	Borehole 16 17 ft	Borehole 18 18 4 ft	Borehole 20-22 ft
	94E1220 3	94E1220 11	94E1220-15	95E0072 3	95E0072 5	95E0072-7	95E0072 9	95E0072-11	95E0072-13	95E0072-15
	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
Aluminum	15300	1400	12600	8510	7690	8460	9700	11200	8210	3940
Antimony	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Arsenic	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Barium	963	623	164	108	107	131	168	109	77	514
Beryllium	071	066	070	062	062	053	075	067	055	045
Cadmium	075	060	057	ND	040	036	043	044	044	054
Calcium	11200	17500	7640	15700	8520	7470	3940	5630	2920	2540
Chromium	106	736	120	138	384	347	154	161	393	48
Cobalt	69	47	91	77	57	140	153	99	89	37
Copper	126	112	173	128	111	177	198	168	123	116
Iron	13200	13000	14700	11600	9380	16300	15300	15200	10500	9710
Lead	66	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Magnesium	24000	2530	1880	1800	1660	1610	2280	2350	1600	927
Manganese	375	182	868	623	539	736	992	565	400	139
Nickel	258	162	273	265	199	211	243	18	135	71
Potassium	2180	2060	2000	1150	1020	1070	1260	1260	1190	610
Selenium	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Silver	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Sodium	1840	145	148	906	797	927	695	178	73	515
Thallium	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Vanadium	278	264	308	242	216	241	425	415	217	289
Zinc	216	198	189	151	155	159	213	22	193	353

Table 2: Surface Samples

Analyte	Sample	Sample	Sample	Sample	Sample	Sample
	NE Pit--2 ft	NE Pit--4 ft	NE Pit--6 ft	SE Pit--2 ft	SE Pit--4 ft	SE Pit--6 ft
	94E1420-0004	94E1420-0005	94E1420 0006	94E1420-0013	94E1420 0014	94E1420-0015
	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
Aluminum	19000	20500	19800	23200	21600	17200
Antimony	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Arsenic	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Barium	81.8	92.1	68.1	79.9	81.8	56.6
Beryllium	0.84	1.0	0.89	1.1	1.4	1.0
Cadmium	ND	ND	0.35	ND	ND	ND
Calcium	1500	44800	45100	2390	4630	20100
Chromium	17.6	14.0	14.0	19.9	15.9	14.8
Cobalt	6.5	8.0	5.2	5.4	5.8	5.4
Copper	8.6	6.3	7.6	6.8	7.0	9.3
Iron	14900	11900	12700	14100	15700	14200
Lead	8.9	ND	ND	8.7	4.1	6.1
Magnesium	2110	2940	3450	2100	2620	2610
Manganese	129	117	127	257	265	192
Nickel	10.5	13.8	15.7	19.8	22.6	21.9
Potassium	2410	1740	1930	2000	1330	1400
Selenium	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Silver	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Sodium	8120	6800	7410	1020	583	194
Thallium	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Vanadium	37.1	26.1	25.5	37.4	34.0	32.2
Zinc	35.4	25.4	25.8	28.4	24.0	22.2

Table 3: Risks and Hazard Quotients

HYPOTHETICAL RESIDENTIAL EXPOSURE TO SOIL							
		Soil					
CARCINOGENIC		Concen	SFi	EF	IR	ED	BW
SOIL INHALATION		mg/kg					
	Risk						
CrVI	3.70e-07	3.47e+02	4.20e+01	350	20	30	70
		Soil					
NONCARCINOGENIC		Concen	RfDo	EF	IR	ED	BW
SOIL INGESTION		mg/kg					
ADULT	HQ						
CrVI	9.51e-02	3.47e+02	5.00e-03	350	100	30	70
CRIII	4.75e-04	3.47e+02	1.00e+00	350	100	30	70
CHILD	HQ						
CrVI	8.87e-01	3.47e+02	5.00e-03	350	200	6	15
CRIII	4.44e-03	3.47e+02	1.00e+00	350	200	6	15
CONSTRUCTION WORKER EXPOSURE TO SOIL							
		Soil					
CARCINOGENIC		Concen	SFi	EF	IR	ED	BW
SOIL INHALATION		mg/kg					
	Risk						
CrVI	5.28e-10	3.47e+02	4.20e+01	30	10	1	70
		Soil					
NONCARCINOGENIC		Concen	RfDo	EF	IR	ED	BW
SOIL INGESTION		mg/kg					
	HQ						
CrVI	3.91e-02	3.47e+02	5.00e-03	30	480	1	70
CRIII	1.96e-04	3.47e+02	1.00e+00	30	480	1	70

**PAC REFERENCE NUMBER: NE-1412 & NE-1413**

IHSS Number: NA

Unit Name Trenches T-12 and T-13 Located in Operable Unit 2, East Trenches

CPIR No : NA

Approx. Location: N750,000; E2,087,000

Date(s) of Operation or Occurrence

The exact dates of operation for the east trenches are unknown, except for the time period of July 29, 1954, through August 14, 1968. Aerial photographs indicate that Trench T-12 was open between 1966 and 1967 but entirely covered by asphalt in 1968 when the east access road was built.

Description of Operation or Occurrence

Trenches T-12 and T-13 were identified and incorporated into the Remedial Investigation (RI) for Operable Unit 2 (East Trenches) in June of 1993 when a plant employee completed further research of aerial photographs in the east trench area. Trench T-13 (PAC NE-1413) was visible only in vertical aerial photographs taken on April 15, 1966, and April 29, 1967 and is now covered by the East Access Road (north bypass) 900 feet east of the inner east guard gate. It is estimated to be nearly 250 feet in length and was filled with dark grey material as seen in the photograph. An employee was contacted who remembers that this trench may contain some laboratory wastes. Trench T-12 (PAC NE-1412) was identified as an extension of a previously identified trench (IHSS 111 8) during the same time period. Both trenches lie primarily beneath the East Access Road. The trenches were used primarily for disposal of sanitary wastewater treatment plant sludge. The dried material removed from the sludge drying beds was typically placed in the disposal trenches. The total amount of sludge disposed of in the East Trench area is estimated to be 125,000 kilograms. The trenches are documented as being approximately 10 feet deep with several feet of soil cover.

Physical/Chemical Description of Constituents Released

Some uranium and plutonium contamination is known to be present in the sludge. It is reported that the older sludge would have had primarily uranium contamination with newer sludge having an increasing amount of plutonium contamination. Total long-lived alpha activity present in the sludge was reported between a minimum of 382 pCi/g in August of 1964 to a maximum of 3,591 pCi/g in June of 1960. Uranium contamination may also be present in flattened drums that may have been disposed of in any of the trenches following burning of the contaminated oils that had been held in the drum. The flattened drums, estimated to be as many as 300 total, could be present in any of the trenches. It was estimated in a 1973 document that trench T-11 contains 16.2 grams of uranium-235. On at least one occasion it is believed that 2,400 gallons

of water and lathe coolant generated in Building 444 were also buried in one of the 12 trenches. This waste had an average activity of 150,000 dpm/l (presumed total alpha activity).

#### Response to Operation or Occurrence

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigations (RFI/RI) are currently developing information which will detail the fate of constituents released from the newly identified trenches. Further characterizations of these areas will proceed under the normal OU-2 schedule for the East Trenches. All validated analytical data will be documented in the OU-2 RFI/RI Report and transmitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPH&E).

#### Fate of Constituents Released to Environment

The East Trenches are located in an area of a known groundwater contaminant plume. No documentation was found which details the fate of the constituents disposed of in either Trench T-12 or T-13. Further characterization during the RFI/RI process will detail the fate of constituents released to the environment.

#### Action/No-Action Recommendation

The two newly identified trenches warrant further investigation and are being actively characterized within the scope and schedule of Operable Unit 2.

#### Comments

None



**SECTION 3.0**  
**REVISED PAC NARRATIVES**  
**(No PAC Revisions)**

**SECTION 4.0**  
**REVISED IHSS AND PAC MAPS**